

# Holy Rosary Catholic Community

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Pray for us.

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## Parish Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

## Our Lord's Day Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
\*June 1 to Aug. 31-Sunday mass 10 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Tuesday-Friday 7:45 a.m.

## Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Catholic Funeral Rites

Contact Holy Sepulchre Cemetery  
905 522-7727 or visit their website at:  
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## New Parishioners

We welcome you. Please complete a  
Registration Form in the book rack.

## Contact us

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Holy Rosary was formed out of portions of the Cathedral parish in Hamilton, St. John's, Burlington and St. Thomas, Waterdown. Father Bernard Harrigan was the first Pastor and the first Mass was celebrated on June 6, 1947 in the chapel of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Holy Rosary School was built in 1951. Under the leadership of Father Blake Ryan (1953-1964) a new Church and rectory were built. The 400 seat church was dedicated on May 1, 1955. In 1987, during the pastorate of Father Anthony Ciavarro, the church was redesigned with a 180 degree rotation. Beautiful stained glass, statuary, and sculpture adorn the renewed space. Other pastors who served the parish were: Msgr. Bernard Harrigan, Father Blake Ryan, Father Harold Smith, Father Carlo Bianchi, Father Anthony Ciavarro, Father Ron Cote, Father Frank Trzupsek, Msgr. Murray Kroetsch and the present pastor, Msgr. Edward House. Today there are over 600 registered families.

Welcome to Holy Rosary Catholic Community. We hope you enjoyed your Lord's Day Worship. May God bless you abundantly!



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

(7:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted)

Tuesday, Dec. 2	Artur & Dionizia Melo
Wednesday, Dec. 3	Maxine Hunter
Thursday, Dec. 4	Paul Horgan
Friday, Dec. 5	Nancy de Gooyer
Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 p.m.	Darlene Fulcher Silvano Abballe Deceased Members of Price Family

**UPCOMING PARISH MEETINGS / EVENTS**

<b>Monday</b> 6:00 pm – CWL Bridge & Christmas Dinner – Parish Centre 7:00 pm – Bible Study Group – Church
<b>Tuesday</b> 1:00 pm – Seniors Bridge – Parish Centre 7:00 pm – Knights of Columbus Meeting – Parish Ctr.
<b>Wednesday</b> 11:00 am – School Choir Practice – Church 7:30 pm – Choir Practice – Parish Centre
<b>Thursday</b> 7:00 pm – Women's Advent Retreat – Church & P.C.
<b>Saturday / Sunday (Dec. 6 &amp; 7)</b> After all masses – CWL Bake Sale – Parish Centre

**ADVENT RETREATS AT HOLY ROSARY**



Nourish your heart and your soul in preparation for Christmas. We are holding two Advent Retreats in December; one for all women of the parish and one for all men of the parish.

**Women's Retreat – Thurs. Dec. 4 from 7 to 8:30 pm**  
The ladies retreat will be facilitated by Sr. Margaret Kane CSJ, the past Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton.

**Men's Retreat – Thurs. Dec. 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm**  
Monsignor Raymond Modeski, Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish in Burlington will lead the Men's Retreat.

**Sign-up sheets to register for the above retreats are available in the Narthex today.**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

November 30, 2014



**WATCH**

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about. We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

*We thank you for your continued spiritual and financial support of Holy Rosary Parish.*

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> Collection:**

Regular Sunday Envelopes	Loose Collection	Pre-Authorized Debit (Reg. Sunday)	Mission Co-op Belize
\$3,240.	\$307.	\$1,637.	\$1,055.

**REFLECT ON THE GOSPEL**

Reflect upon the next Sunday's Gospel throughout the week. The gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent is:

**Mark 1.1 – 8**

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Each of the seven sacraments, like other aspects of the Church's pastoral plan, is an attempt to be faithful to the image of Christ we discover in the Gospels. Anointing of the sick is rooted in Jesus' saving deeds of healing and even rescue from death. What is your favorite encounter of Jesus with a sick person? Often, it seems that Jesus would go at once to the person in a crowd who was in the most pain, in the deepest need. A man born blind, Peter's mother-in-law, a woman afflicted by years of uncontrollable hemorrhages, a little Roman girl beloved by her soldier father, a crippled man lowered from the rafters, and even a man who lost his ear to a swinging sword in the garden of agony. This list reads like an admissions chart in an emergency room, and perhaps that is the point. The whole human experience from childhood to old age, from sudden catastrophic illness to chronic debilitating conditions, is represented by those for whom Jesus has such great compassion. This we can name a treasure of tradition with a capital "T." We are a people of compassion for our sick, who reach out in tenderness to listen, to keep vigil, to strengthen, to touch with reverence, and to anoint with precious oil.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE PIE & BAKE SALE – Dec. 6 & 7

Join us after all masses next weekend in the Parish Centre. Our CWL is once again selling pies and other goodies.

Why not pick up some for Christmas! **All proceeds go to the Mission in Belize.**

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Mon. Dec. 1	Rev. Michael Sullivan
Tues. Dec. 2	Rev. Giancarlo Massari, C.S.
Wed. Dec. 3	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thurs Dec. 4	Rev. Peter Ciallella, C.S.
Fri. Dec. 5	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Sat. Dec. 6	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.



### POINSETTIAS OF HOPE

Holy Rosary School is selling poinsettias as part of their Focus on Faith outreach initiative. Proceeds from the sale go towards providing gifts and groceries for needy families in our community. Cost is \$15 each and must be **ordered by Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** (pickup on Thur. Dec. 11 from 12 noon to 5:30 pm at the school). Pick up a red order form from the bookstand in the Narthex.

### TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

**Wed. Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** Come to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Burlington for a time of meditative, reflective song & prayer as we await the Birth of Christ.

## DISCERNMENT RETREATS IN DECEMBER

Have you thought about the priesthood or religious life? If you would like to listen to God's call in your own life, and how to follow that call in your own vocational discernment, then this retreat is for you. Open to people 18 years old and older. **Dec. 5 to 7** (for women) and **Dec. 12 to 14** (for men). To register or find out more, visit: [www.HamiltonVocations.com](http://www.HamiltonVocations.com) and click on the 'Discernment Retreat' tab.

### ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL FOR PEACE



His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI invites you to join him at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Sunday, December 7** at 7:00 p.m. for the Advent Hymn Festival. A freewill collection will be taken for the Good Shepherd's Annual Christmas Dinner. Come and sing for joy!

### COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

Coping with the holidays...when you have lost a loved one. Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Christina Walton, Grief Counsellor.

**Chancery Office, 700 King St. W. Hamilton  
Sunday, December 7 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm**

This event is free of charge but please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988, ext. 2249.

### WOMEN'S ADVENT REFLECTION

The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Baptist Church Burlington invite all women to come away and pray before the Christmas rush sets in. Come **Wed. Dec. 10** from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fr. Bob Sims facilitating. To register by Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, call Marie at 905-637-1677.

### ANNUAL WHITE MASS

This special Mass is an opportunity to pray for our healthcare professionals, chaplains, clergy, and all caregivers. Join celebrant Bishop Ustrzycki on **Friday, Dec. 12** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gabriel's Parish Burlington. All are welcome. For information call 905-335-6902.

### PENANCE CELEBRATIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS



St. Paul the Apostle Parish	Tues. Dec. 9 @ 7p.m.
<b>Holy Rosary Parish</b>	<b>Tuesday Dec. 16 @ 7:30pm with 3 priests</b>
St. Patrick Parish	Wed. Dec. 17 @ 7pm 6 priests available
St. Raphael Parish	Thurs. Dec. 18 @ 7pm



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